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1. In anticipation of a conflict with the Anglo-Saxon world, the Soviets are endeavoring to prepare for it politically in every field. One of the aspects of this political preparation is to create utter confusion with respect to the internal situation of the USSR. Thus, the Soviets are now attempting to give a special importance to the separatist movements, and many NVD agents have been infiltrated into the leadership of these movements abroad. These emissaries are directed by Moscow to make new contacts and to establish closer ties with contacts already established with the Anglo-Saxons and to represent the separatist movements in the USSR as being powerful, well-organized and having deep roots in the country.

2. Moscow's instructions are based on the following factors:

- a. Non-bolshevik separatist organizations - particularly the Ukrainian and Caucasian - have existed abroad for a long time;
- b. These organizations have contacts and support in various countries;
- c. On the other hand, separatism is not firmly rooted in the various levels of the population of the USSR, and cannot achieve a decisive success as a major political argument. On the contrary, Separatism is more apt to be considered as an attempt to destroy the State in all its forms (including the federative), in the present and the future.

Because of the foregoing, Moscow considers it advisable to turn this situation to its own Marxist uses, particularly by maneuvering in such a way that in a future war, as well as in the political preparation phase, the Anglo-Saxons will lean not on the opposing forces throughout Russia, but on the separatist groups.

3. The Soviet leaders believe that if the Anglo-Saxons are encouraged to follow this apparently facile line, Moscow will then hold a trump hand, for this fatal

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error would be used to raise a new wave of patriotism through the USSR, by pointing up the threat to destroy the State. The last war clearly demonstrated to Stalin and his clique that alone a wave of patriotism (and not internationalist slogans) is capable of insuring a successful conclusion to a war.

4. The Soviets are perfectly aware that the threat of an invasion by the capitalist world terrifies nobody in the USSR, and the immense majority of Soviet citizens would live happily under any capitalist regime. Therefore, and although the Soviet press continues to proclaim the danger of capitalist encirclement, the veiled aim of this propaganda is to prove inside the country that the capitalist sharks are capable of anything - even of destroying Russia as a nation. Outside the USSR capitalist slogans and other marxist directives will remain in force.
5. One of the manifestations of this preparation activity is the organization in the three western zones of Germany of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of People (ABN). This bloc is the result of an alliance between several groups. The Ukrainian nationalist organization (designated as OUN), has the leading role within the ABN. The leaders of OUN are mainly Galicians and natives of Western Ukraine, who have never been part of the Russian commonwealth. In addition to the OUN, Bielorusian, Caucasian, Central Asiatic, and even Cossack groups, adhere to ABN. This grouping creates the impression of being a powerful force with vast ramifications. In reality all these little organizations are artificial, and with the exception of OUN, have no partisans on Russian soil.
6. Recently ABN published in Germany a thick volume which bears the title of "For the Liberty of Peoples". [REDACTED] Comment: Elsewhere it has been reported that this is a monthly publication). This volume was published in nine languages: English, Georgian, Bielorusian, Lithuanian, Polish, Serbian, Slovak, Tartar, and Ukrainian. Some of the articles are written in English and in German. The author of the editorial of this work which is entitled "For the Dismemberment of the Russian Empire through the United Forces of the Peoples", is one Zinovi Karabovitch. This title is sufficiently revealing in itself, but within the article is a phrase which appears worthy of retention: "The principal and most immediate goal of the ABN is the destruction of Russia in general, as an Empire."

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7. In many DP camps (particularly in Bavaria), tracts are distributed. Some of these are in Russian, but the great majority of ABN literature is in the Ukrainian language. In certain camps there are special ABN representatives. In spite of their calculated anti-Bolshevik nature, it is significant that these tracts commence with the exhortation "Comrades".
8. The official by-word of the ABN is "Anti-Bolshevism", but its aim is to create a psychological situation favorable to the Soviets in case of a new world war.
9. In contact with the ABN is another organization, "The Central European Federal Club", which has a center in Rome. There are representatives of this group in Munich. The bond between the ABN and the Central European Federal Club is not ideological but tactical, with the ABN attempting to use this organization. This will be difficult because the Ukrainian separatists (Galicians) play the predominant role in ABN, whereas to all appearances the Poles dominate the Federal Club.
10. In Rome the goal of the Federal Club is to unify the political action of the representatives of the following peoples: Albanian, Bielorusian, Croat, Bulgarian, Romanian, Czech, Estonian, Greek, Lithuanian, Latvian, Polish, Serb, Slovak, Slovene, Ukrainian, and Hungarian. The future objective of such an entente, achieved through the emigres of these national groups, is to be the creation of a Federal State (Federation of the Peoples between the Two Seas" - Black and Baltic seas). From the Polish point of view, Poland should be the leader within such a Federation. This is the continuation of a Polish ideal which existed already before the last war.

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11. The attitude of the leaders of the Federal Club is definitely anti-Communist. It is certain that in this activity the Poles have the support of the Vatican, and the leaders believe that sooner or later they will have the backing of the great Anglo-Saxon powers. The weak point of the Federal Club is its rabid Catholicism and aggressive hostility towards Orthodoxy. This gives Stalin a valuable trump card particularly in the Orthodox Balkan countries.

12. The President of the Federal Club in Rome is Miha Krek, former Yugoslav Minister, and leader of the Slovens Catholics. Among the leaders are Julius Poniatowski and Dr. Cyril Sobotta. [Comment: According to a report from Rome, Poniatowski, former Polish Minister of Agriculture, changed his name to Omufry Zaweda when he was in Rumania, prior to his arrival in the Middle East in March 1944. This report also stated that he was Vice President of the Central European Federal Club in Rome. Other information from Brussels mentioned a Prince Poniatowski, Prime Minister under Pilsudski, as being President of "Intermaria" (see comment at end of report) in Rome. In addition, it has also been stated that Poniatowski was an NVD agent.]

13. In addition to the Rome club there is the principal Central European Federal Club in London S.W. 7 at 16 Thurlow Street. The aim of this Club is to create a Grand Federation of Central Europe. The following nationalities adhere: Austrian, Bielo-Russian, Estonians, Lithuanians, Latvians, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak, Ukrainian, and Czech. Particular attention is currently being attached to the strengthening of Bielo-Russian and Ukrainian representation within the Club. This Club also is counting on the support of the Great Powers, and is anti-Communist. The principles of national culture, Christianity, and the Great Western Civilization, are to be the foundation of this Federation.

14. Among the leaders of the London Club are Ewald I. Yakobzone (or Jacobson?), President, and (Dr. Karel Locher,) and Vladimir Solovy, Secretaries. [Comment: This group has also the support of General Prchala and former Ambassador Stefan Osusky.]

15. The Soviet authorities have been lately giving great attention to these two Clubs. The Soviet reaction for the moment is manifested by Moscow's spot-lighting of "Bielo-Russian national privileges". [Comment: From the foregoing information on the Central European Federal Club, its aims and persons involved, it would appear that it is identical with or part of "Intermaria", an international anti-Communist organization. It has been stated that the London club of Intermaria is formed of the "European Federation". Reference report, however, stated that the Duchess Catherine of Atholl was President of the London Intermaria, whereas one Ewald I. Yakobzone is reported herein as president. The Duchess of Atholl is also an important member of the "Ligue des Droits des Peuples", as representative of the "League for European Freedom". [Comment: It seems more than doubtful that the Duchess of Atholl, often nicknamed the "Red" Duchess should belong to an anti-communist organization.]]

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